Bank, but our actual realisation is expected to be Rs. 1·17 lakhs. In the past, our surplus cash used to remain unemployed in the State Treasuries, but from last year we are investing it as short-term deposits in the Imperial Bank. It may be pointed out that the total amount of interest we now realise annually on our surplus investments amounts to about Rs. 4½ lakhs. This is exclusive of the interest on our investments in Sinking Funds, which goes to the credit of the Funds themselves.

We had estimated a receipt of Rs. 1 lakh under Railways. In my speech last year, I stated that if the improvement in railway receipts which was noticed in the second half-year ending with 31st March 1924 were maintained, we might expect to receive this year a sum of Rs. 2½ lakhs as our share of the net surplus. I am glad to inform the House that this forecast has proved correct. The net profits due to us for the year ended 31st March 1925 is Rs. 2·52 lakhs. Of this, we have already realised the profits declared for the first half-year, *viz.*, Rs. 1·19 lakhs and it is hoped that the balance will be received before the close of the current year.

Expenditure.

On the expenditure side, there is a total increase of Rs. 2·21 lakhs in the revised estimate. The most important variation occurs under the head "Palace", which I have already explained. As usual, we had provided a sum of Rs. 1 lakh for His Highness the Maha Raja's Tours outside the State. This provision is expected to lapse. The only other noteworthy variation is the reduction of a sum of Rs. 1·10 lakhs in the expenditure on Education. This is distributed among all the minor heads except "Controlling Agencies" under which there is a slight increase.

Budget Estimates of 1101.

For the next year, we are budgeting for a revenue of Rs. 206·81 lakhs and an expenditure of Rs. 203·02 lakhs, which will leave a surplus of Rs. 3·79 lakhs at the close of the year.

Revenue.

The total revenue is expected to exceed the receipts of the current year by only Rs. 1·26 lakhs. Under Land Revenue, the normal revenue is expected to be realised in addition to what may remain uncollected at the close of this year. Income Tax receipts are estimated at Rs. 1·26 lakhs below the receipts of the current year. There is an element of uncertainty about this tax as it depends to a considerable extent on the improvement of trade and on the unceasing vigilance of the collecting agency. Hence I think it will be safer to estimate for a slight fall under this head. Under Excise, the gross revenue for 1101 is placed at Rs. 46·05 lakhs as against the revised estimate of Rs. 44·83 lakhs. Towards this, tobacco is expected to contribute Rs. 19·12 lakhs and Abkari and Opium Rs. 26·93 lakhs. The additional revenue is expected mainly under the new item "Rebate of duty on Opium",

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As a result of the negotiations carried on with the Madras Government, that Government have agreed to pay to Travancore the entire duty on the opium consumed in the State after deducting a centage of Re. 1 per seer to cover the approximate charges for freight, etc., incurred by them in obtaining and stocking the drug in Madras. This arrangement has come into effect from 1st April 1925 and our estimate of the rebate for the next year is about Rs. 1·20 lakhs. The estimate under Railways is mainly a matter of conjecture. We have not yet received an estimate from the Railway Company; but on the experience of the current year and last year, the budget estimate has been fixed at Rs. 2 lakhs. I hope we shall not be far out in our calculation.

EXPENDITURE.

Against an anticipated revenue of Rs. 206·81 lakhs, the original estimate of the established charges was Rs. 199·09 lakhs. The Government considered altogether about 100 schemes, large and small, with the help of the Finance Committee, and in the result provided for an additional expenditure of Rs. 3·93 lakhs. Reference to these will generally be found as footnotes in the printed budget. The Land Revenue Department comes in for the largest share of such additional allotment, but it is mainly for the continuance of the existing schemes. A provision of Rs. ·06 lakh is made for the continuance of the Puduval Survey operations till the end of Makaram 1101. A special survey class is proposed to be opened at Trivandrum to train up men in chain and theodolite survey, and for this a sum of Rs. ·03 lakh is provided.

In regard to that much-discussed scheme, *viz.*, Land Records Maintenance, Government do not propose to continue the work on the present lines beyond Tulam 1101. It is recognised that the scheme as now worked has certain serious defects and it is looked upon with considerable disfavour by the general public. Government therefore would like to introduce a revised scheme which will be generally acceptable. This will require funds over and above the amount provided for the first three months and accordingly an additional provision of Rs. ·66 lakh is made. The non-official members of the Legislative Council will be requested to select gentlemen from among themselves to help the Land Revenue Commissioner in drawing up a revised scheme. This matter will be further explained by my friend Mr. Robinson.

In the Judicial Department provision is made for the continuance of the third Bench in the High Court as well as the temporary Judges' and Munsiffs' Courts. The expenditure on this account is about Rs. 1 lakh. It is proposed also to continue the temporary Sirkar Vakils throughout 1101 for which a sum of Rs. ·06 lakh is provided.

Under *Jails* an extra allotment of Rs. ·05 lakh is made for the purchase of a few fly-shuttle looms and other weaving plant with a view to develop the resources of the Central Prison and to give the convicts practical training in improved methods of weaving.

Police receives an addition of Rs. ·10 lakh. Of this, Rs. ·07 lakh is for increasing the strength of the Trivandrum Town Police by 5 Head constables and 50 constables.

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